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SUBJ: VISIT OF EXIMBANK ECONOMIST HOWARD S. TURK

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1. EMBASSY DELIGHTED RECEIVE VISIT FROM EXIM ECONOMIST TURK. TIMING SUGGESTED REF (A) PERHAPS NOT IDEAL DUE IMPENDING MAJOR MOSLEM HOLIDAY, IDUL FITRI, OCTOBER 6 AND 7, BUT WE BELIEVE STILL FEASIBLE. MOST GOI OFFICIALS WILL HAVE BEEN FASTING FOR ENTIRE RAMADAN MONTH AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HOLIDAYS. THUS ATMOSPHERE THIS TIME OF YEAR SOMEWHAT COMPARABLE LATE DECEMBER/EARLY JANUARY IN WASHINGTON. NEVERTHELESS EMBASSY BELIEVES STILL POSSIBLE ARRANGE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR TURK AND WILL ATTEMPT BUNCH GOI APPOINTMENTS AT BEGINNING OF VISIT LEAVING MOST APPOINTMENTS WITH AMERICANS UNTIL LATER.

2. IN ADDITION TO HELPING TURK WITH ECONOMIC PULSE-TAKING TASK DESCRIBED PARA 3 REF (A), EMBASSY, LOCAL U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND GOI WILL ALL WELCOME OPPORTUNITY GAIN BETTER INSIGHT REGARDING EXIM POLICIES, FUNDING LEVELS, PLANS FOR FUTURE, PROJECT STATUS, AND PROCEDURES. EMBASSY IN PARTICULAR GREATLY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PARA 2 REF (B) TYPE BRIEFING(S) DESIGNED HELP E/CM STAFF PREPARE PLAY EXPANDED ROLE DESCRIBED PARA 3 REF (B). WE ALSO KNOW U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY VERY INTERESTED LEARNING HOW AND WHAT EXTENT EXIM CAN ASSIST THEM IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR GOI PROJECTS. FINALLY, UNCLASSIFIED

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WE ASSUME GOI OFFICIALS WILL HAVE NUMBER QUESTIONS

CONCERNING BOTH POTENTIAL FUTURE EXIM FINANCING IN SUPPORT OF GOI FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN PROJECTS AND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED UTILIZING EXIM FUNDING TO DATE.

3. IN PLANNING APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED PARA 3 REF (A) EMBASSY WOULD LIKE LEARN LEVEL OF GOI OFFICIALS TURK SHOULD SEE; I.E., IN LIGHT PREVIOUS EXIM CONTACTS SHOULD APPOINTMENTS BE MADE AT POLICY MAKING DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL WITH INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS SALEH AFFIF (BAPPENAS) AND DR. YULIANTO (FINANCE MINISTRY), OR WOULD CALLS ON WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS BE MORE APPROPRIATE? NEWSOM

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